

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An illuminating device for a hand-held bar code reader,
comprising a light emitting device controlled by a two-stage switch, wherein
when the switch is switched to a first operation stage, the light emitting
5 device is switched on for illuminating a bar code, and when the switch is
switched to a second operation stage, a scan light is generated for reading a
bar code.
2. The device of Claim 1, wherein the hand-held bar code reader
includes a reading window, and the light emitting diode is installed next to
10 the reading window.
3. The device of Claim 1, wherein the light emitting device is
operative to emit a light substantially parallel to a scan light generated from
an interior of the reading window.
4. The device of Claim 1, wherein the switch includes a press-
15 button switch.